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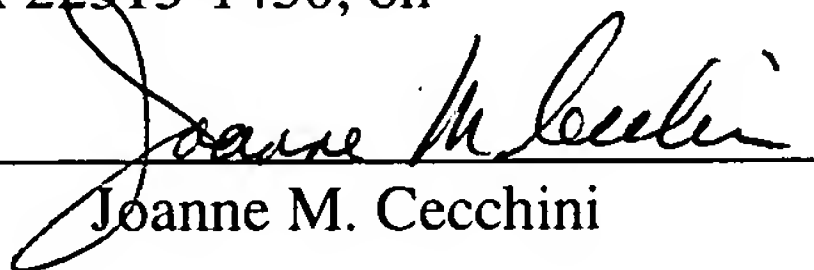
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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Please consider these preliminary remarks in connection with the applicants' Request for Continued Examination, filed simultaneously herewith, and in response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2006.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.